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### PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mill. kWh	Gas (c) mill. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000		Four weeks ended (f)	Coal (e) '000 tonnes	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			
1985-86—																
October	42.6	10,210	10,272	43,559	43,074	589	590	570	531	42.1	35.8	222	176	November 16	12,658	
November	38.0	9,725	10,289	38,917	41,232	578	606	517	483	34.5	32.5	195	165	December 14	13,217	
December	22,554	9,698	10,432	35,237	41,674	561	457	473	25.6	29.9	154	162	January 11	3,135		
January	34.4	9,846	10,336	33,473	41,714	592	589	336	500	12.9	36.9	91	188	February 8	11,902	
February	38.8	9,407	10,538	36,321	42,435	504	565	503	518	30.0	31.9	153	156	March 8	9,850	
March	23,910	10,265	10,639	40,007	42,332	545	536	508	508	31.5	31.4	124	140	April 5	11,485	
April	39.0	9,970	10,516	43,316	47,467	547	581	516	527	25.2	27.8	147	149	May 3	10,738	
May	40.7	10,801	10,414	48,382	44,753	585	556	513	476	33.3	29.7	125	140	May 31	14,698	
June	22,716	23.3	11,246	10,385	50,418	35,355	562	550	487	31.2	29.7	134	144	June 28	14,390	
1986-87—																
July	31.2	12,167	10,416	54,154	43,292	520	480	537	509	34.5	27.7	172	155	July 26	15,066	
August	39.0	11,578	10,618	50,122	44,413	581	563	488	451	29.6	26.2	154	133	August 23	15,385	
September	22,949	39.7	10,645	10,638	45,705	42,525	590	584	511	494	28.9	25.8	177	154	September 20	15,101
October	38.3	10,613	10,605	45,784	45,328	563	561	534	495	29.9	25.6	210	166	October 18	14,652	
November	37.0	10,096	10,789	39,497	41,791	548	590	516	489	29.4	28.4	186	160	November 15	14,231	
December	n.y.a.	10,338	10,977	38,428	45,158	568	563	479	501	22.7	23.9	166	172	December 13	n.y.a.	

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.).

(b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

(f) Tasmanian production period one week earlier.

### PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketeting) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(a) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Whole milk intake by factory(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Stocks(e) Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonne	% of total receipts received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86—															
October	3,338	3,245	908	749	16,157	13,977	P	195	P	426.1	787	495	117,674	77.7	
November	3,638	3,322	1,066	857	15,296	13,941	187	189	428.4	742	495	93,205	75.8	41,384	41,469
December	2,248	2,974	682	855	10,829	13,758	168	190	431.1	678	499	59,584	80.1		
January	1,291	4,235	595	894	4,510	11,537	180	196	434.4	604	519	46,464	80.1		
February	3,404	3,764	1,075	950	13,580	13,981	187	197	437.1	462	526	47,661	75.9		
March	3,286	3,116	1,008	1,043	14,427	14,212	189	203	434.4	411	339	46,486	75.6	42,683	42,708
April	3,192	3,288	1,016	940	13,449	13,632	211	202	431.8	312	504	46,365	76.6		
May	4,299	3,332	1,125	1,155	13,935	13,017	191	185	432.3	283	495	37,420	77.9		
June	3,334	3,023	953	1,096	15,044	13,090	180	195	435.0	281	505	32,915	76.9	p42,357	p42,487
1986-87—															
July	3,665	3,194	1,133	1,060	14,319	12,409	201	185	439.5	335	486	51,900	79.5		
August	3,884	3,363	1,007	1,042	15,175	13,992	186	196	443.8	481	480	91,603	82.2		
September	3,137	2,807	974	967	15,195	14,062	199	191	448.9	642	485	116,875	79.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
October	3,884	3,575	1,205	1,084	16,445	13,915	217	195	453.3	765	485	122,735	77.2		
November	3,091	3,034	922	767	16,323	15,466	195	202	p456.6	740	495	99,423	76.6	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
December	2,465	3,178	669	787	13,054	16,318	190	205	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

**FOREIGN TRADE**

Month	Values of average 1979-80 prices \$m				Export price index All groups (base year 1974-75 = 100)	Import price index All groups (base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		
	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Exports f.o.b. Seas. adj.	Imports f.o.b. Seas. adj.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	Official reserve assets (\$m)
1983-84—									
November	2,867	2,675			238	146.6	-535	-1,014	12,636
December	3,002	2,844	5,825	5,835	238	146.6	-605	-1,143	12,216
January	3,119	2,813			214	146.6	-397	-1,045	12,133
February	3,161	2,625			215	146.6	-354	-997	12,045
March	2,604	2,804	6,192	5,515	232	p146.0	-744	-949	12,011
April	2,418	2,965			230		-700	-1,358	12,553
May	2,723	2,784			234	140.8	-503	-1,078	12,504
June	2,633	2,736	5,671	5,324	234	140.8	-534	-1,064	13,024
1984-85—									
July	2,581	3,065			242		-879	-1,526	13,439
August	2,673	3,084			246		-812	-1,242	12,586
September	3,069	3,447	5,847	5,414	246	p158.8	-843	-1,331	12,615
October	2,932	3,475			p243		-954	-1,320	13,316
November	2,922	3,538			p244		-264	-871	15,146
December	p3,319	p3,239	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-9	-598	13,561
January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-555	-1,293	13,546

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

**INTERNAL TRADE**

Month	Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (\$A) \$m										
	Total					New motor cars and station wagons registered '000					
	Current prices		Average 1979-80 prices			Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Smoothed seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Smoothed seas. adj.	Original	Smoothed seas. adj.	Original	
1983-84—											
October	4,385	4,333	4,327			1,387	1,347	487	496	45.2	43.8
November	4,573	4,353	4,362			1,389	1,358	536	500	46.5	47.7
December	5,875	4,399	p1,387	9,659	8,533	1,545	1,370	915	502	40.5	41.4
January	4,276	4,459	4,403			1,400	1,384	435	500	33.7	38.5
February	3,903	4,383	4,418			1,308	1,400	361	496	31.5	35.1
March	4,163	4,416	4,439	7,811	8,361	1,409	1,417	416	492	34.3	35.4
April	4,285	4,424	4,470			1,380	1,433	450	491	40.4	39.5
May	4,707	4,536	4,512			1,471	1,448	578	494	36.3	33.8
June	4,197	4,590	p4,559	8,190	8,396	1,380	1,460	423	502	34.5	33.9
1984-85—											
July	4,477	4,589	4,605			1,456	1,470	503	510	37.0	33.6
August	4,439	4,653	4,639			1,448	1,476	441	518	37.4	p35.8
September	4,484	4,683	4,663	8,151	8,471	1,431	1,478	506	522	33.2	33.1
October	4,775	4,798	4,682			1,527	1,479	512	530	32.4	31.8
November	4,738	4,666	4,697			1,485	1,479	537	537	28.7	30.5
December	6,346	4,714	4,707	9,427	8,343	1,724	1,479	1,054	544	p31.5	p30.5

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; exclude Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

### WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (£)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time permanent workers (£)		Index of minimum award rates of pay: full-time permanent workers 1976 = 100	Consumer price index - weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index : Year 1960-61 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)									
	All males	All females	All males	All females		Average weekly overtime hours per employee	All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and entertainment
1965-66—															
November	413.90	268.40	396.90	216.3	1.30	147.1	143.2	138.1	152.2	149.3	153.8	162.8	130.2	127.6	
December				216.2											
January				216.2											
February	422.70	276.40	404.30	216.3	1.25	150.5	146.1	139.0	155.0	152.1	159.0	167.5	133.5	131.2	
March				216.3											
April				216.3											
May				216.3											
June	425.50	278.20	409.20	216.5	1.23	153.0	149.4	145.4	157.8	154.3	156.4	171.0	139.6	133.4	
1966-67—				216.5											
July				221.4											
August	437.20	282.90	418.90	221.4	1.16	157.0	153.5	146.1	160.5	156.9	164.4	174.9	143.3	137.0	
September				221.5											
October				221.5											
November				221.5											
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	221.5	1.29	161.5	156.0	152.2	163.1	160.3	171.9	180.2	153.6	139.1	
January				n.y.a.											

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1962 = 100.0.

### BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals (£ m)		Building approvals (thousand units)		Government building approvals (£ m)	Building commenced, total (£ m)	Dwellings commenced ('000 units)	Materials used in house building (Base year 1965-66 = 100.0)	Price indexes(a)		Private new capital expenditure (£m/fb)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					Original	Seas. adj.	Buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	Original	Seas. adj.
									Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.
1965-66—														
October	1,505.2	1,407.5	14.8	13.2	250.3				98.9		164.8			
November	1,552.1	1,470.7	12.7	12.4	252.5				99.4		166.3			
December	1,261.5	1,291.9	10.8	11.8	341.4	4,399.7	4,456.2	36.2	35.6		99.3	167.6		
January	1,204.7	1,241.1	10.6	10.6	224.5				100.3		168.6			
February	1,089.9	1,044.9	10.8	10.9	158.4				100.8		170.0			
March	1,057.8	1,195.2	9.5	10.2	184.9	3,843.3	4,113.9	30.5	33.2		101.2	171.0		
April	1,494.2	1,398.4	10.3	9.5	399.2				101.7		171.6			
May	1,365.2	1,243.2	10.5	9.7	324.6				101.9		172.5			
June	1,789.6	1,682.8	11.3	11.2	715.6	3,904.4	3,797.3	29.8	29.0		102.3	173.6	r1,613	r1,579
1966-67—														
July	1,320.7	1,237.1	11.8	11.1	258.9				102.6		175.4			
August	1,457.1	1,429.0	9.9	9.8	324.7				p103.2		p176.5			
September	1,289.1	1,262.7	10.4	10.0	181.5	4,885.0	4,651.5	30.9	29.8		p104.1	p177.9		
October	1,421.9	1,343.4	10.8	10.0	210.8				p105.1		p178.3			
November	1,376.9	1,348.8	10.1	10.0	367.6				p105.3		p179.4			
December	1,404.1	1,390.6	9.8	10.4	291.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

## FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m	Building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m				
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.							
<i>1985-86—</i>													
November	39,279	39,497	43,239	43,327	37,960	37,906	620	260	119	15.55	5,655		
December	39,710	39,200	44,055	43,650	38,944	38,772	545	209	96	15.65	5,609		
January	39,104	38,805	43,660	43,582	38,469	38,857	545	150	100	14.65	5,738		
February	39,738	39,014	43,800	43,786	38,970	39,577	521	156	101	14.15	5,631		
March	39,316	39,175	44,549	44,459	39,823	40,007	481	151	99	13.30	5,007		
April	40,354	41,141	45,521	44,876	41,781	41,191	706	173	97	12.65	9,255		
May	40,624	41,068	44,748	44,905	41,038	40,742	734	141	100	12.70	7,276		
June	42,602	42,486	44,346	44,562	41,022	41,083	699	125	85	12.80	6,243		
<i>1986-87—</i>													
July	43,392	43,722	44,261	44,513	41,827	41,679	840	157	76	14.50	5,113		
August	43,924	44,005	43,567	44,083	41,904	42,053	692	166	68	15.10	6,326		
September	43,931	44,083	43,466	43,639	41,998	42,305	742	177	68	15.15	5,025		
October	44,122	44,204	44,293	44,327	43,256	42,786	914	193	72	14.30	n.y.a.		
November	44,395	44,575	r43,653	r43,771	r42,592	r42,735	816	164	65	14.25	n.y.a.		
December	45,681	45,040	r44,511	r43,802	r43,555	r43,361	882	153	64	14.05	n.y.a.		
January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	45,190	45,153	43,929	44,368	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14.70	n.y.a.		

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**  
(Bm)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure					
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
AT CURRENT PRICES																		
1984-85— June	53,213	54,858	1,257	2,353	51,956	52,505	32,681	33,158	9,681	9,280	9,358	8,843	5,415	4,416				
1985-86— September	56,102	57,055	1,495	2,179	54,607	54,876	33,823	34,065	8,992	9,307	9,419	9,507	4,147	4,623				
December	62,572	57,284	4,535	2,160	58,037	55,124	36,978	34,935	10,156	9,614	9,810	9,275	4,849	4,807				
March	55,727	58,749	1,508	2,226	54,219	56,523	34,165	35,477	9,294	9,948	8,632	9,682	4,061	4,699				
June	57,576	59,293	1,094	2,101	56,482	57,192	33,862	36,389	11,038	10,580	9,534	9,004	5,723	4,685				
1986-87— September	60,459	61,176	1,715	2,338	58,744	58,838	37,304	37,528	10,001	10,357	9,377	9,494	4,731	5,294				
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																		
1984-85— June	33,638	35,003	1,422	2,245	32,216	32,758	20,704	20,984	6,064	5,808	5,958	5,614	3,247	2,648				
1985-86— September	34,994	35,550	1,555	2,053	33,439	33,497	20,947	21,128	5,472	5,659	5,781	5,834	2,404	2,680				
December	39,060	35,371	3,932	2,112	35,128	33,259	22,590	21,243	6,124	5,851	5,818	5,517	2,764	2,741				
March	33,266	35,304	1,547	2,183	31,719	33,121	20,185	21,022	5,444	5,773	5,007	5,613	2,247	2,602				
June	33,983	35,284	1,365	2,113	32,618	33,171	20,910	21,194	6,551	6,277	5,422	5,112	3,172	2,596				
1986-87— September	34,953	35,361	1,673	2,126	33,280	33,235	21,121	21,272	5,722	5,919	5,183	5,243	2,528	2,831				
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued																		
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincor- porated enterprises		Other household income		Less direct taxes, etc. (a)		Household disposable income	
					Companies	Other	Original	Seas. adj.										
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1984-85— June	10,804	10,768	9,995	9,736	6,529	6,667	11,178	12,993	28,398	28,308	-10	19,572	7,443	35,474				
1985-86— September	11,886	11,230	9,756	9,727	7,718	7,640	13,186	13,432	28,225	28,705	136	18,233	7,239	39,041				
December	11,589	11,810	9,485	9,562	7,582	6,812	16,845	13,648	31,153	29,670	3,049	20,791	7,341	47,470				
March	10,974	11,502	9,728	9,992	6,247	6,957	12,964	14,162	29,293	30,649	19	18,868	7,547	39,198				
June	10,994	10,958	9,184	8,954	6,719	6,845	12,816	14,686	31,195	31,096	-390	22,122	7,322	38,897				
1986-87— September	12,398	11,699	9,818	9,758	7,275	7,194	14,978	15,110	31,385	31,753	214	20,992	7,248	43,729				

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY  
OF JOB  
VACANCIES  
(b)**

**LABOUR FORCE SURVEY(a)  
(PERSONS)**

Month	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Unemployment rate-per cent		Participation rate-per cent		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1985—													
October	5,496.6	5,501.0	6,782.9	6,762.3	440.5	477.9	528.4	569.9	7.2	7.8	60.8	61.0	
November	5,562.4	5,564.5	6,890.5	6,848.5	439.5	475.8	537.0	582.9	7.2	7.8	61.7	61.7	51.8
December	5,638.9	5,571.7	6,918.9	6,846.0	479.7	468.8	583.9	569.2	7.8	7.7	62.2	61.5	
1986—													
January	5,603.6	5,621.4	6,762.1	6,910.5	523.7	474.2	615.0	575.7	8.3	7.7	61.1	62.0	
February	5,638.8	5,634.0	6,870.1	6,899.9	544.5	487.8	658.5	596.1	8.7	8.0	62.2	61.9	59.0
March	5,638.5	5,618.4	6,961.7	6,917.6	501.6	475.2	634.6	590.3	8.4	7.9	62.7	61.9	
April	5,620.1	5,624.4	6,942.1	6,978.3	485.1	485.3	606.9	600.8	8.0	7.9	62.3	62.4	
May	5,615.8	5,627.5	6,944.5	6,939.8	483.3	485.8	592.2	589.5	7.9	7.8	62.0	61.9	54.4
June	5,634.9	5,569.6	6,972.7	6,978.8	457.0	469.6	561.9	575.9	7.5	7.6	61.9	62.0	
July	5,631.2	5,617.7	6,958.4	6,943.1	490.9	520.9	594.2	632.5	7.9	8.3	61.9	62.1	
August	5,582.4	5,639.8	6,885.7	6,934.1	490.7	506.8	595.6	626.9	8.0	8.3	61.2	61.8	48.6
September	5,666.9	5,638.3	7,007.6	6,958.6	517.6	530.0	631.6	634.1	8.3	8.4	62.4	62.0	
October	5,661.9	5,666.3	7,000.3	6,979.5	485.9	527.2	590.1	636.7	7.8	8.4	61.8	62.0	
November	5,647.6	5,648.1	7,006.9	6,962.1	489.1	529.3	583.3	632.7	7.7	8.3	61.7	61.7	51.9
December	5,724.0	5,655.1	7,092.9	7,016.9	545.7	535.5	655.5	640.6	8.5	8.4	62.9	62.1	

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6283.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0)

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)  
PERSONS ('000)**

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia				Total	
									Government					
									Common-wealth	State(b)	Local	Total		
1985—														
July	1,853.0	1,479.0	786.1	446.6	477.8	141.7	53.8	111.7	3,651.2	429.8	1,134.0	154.8	1,718.6	5,369.7
August	1,857.1	1,485.6	799.5	467.3	481.2	141.9	54.1	111.6	3,675.1	429.7	1,130.4	155.8	1,716.0	5,387.5
September	1,850.1	1,489.5	794.2	465.9	482.7	142.8	54.9	111.5	3,578.0	429.9	1,127.7	155.9	1,713.4	5,391.5
October	1,897.4	1,503.1	800.3	466.2	493.7	145.1	56.3	112.9	3,757.2	431.1	1,131.0	155.7	1,717.8	5,475.1
November	1,915.2	1,516.4	805.4	468.4	495.6	146.7	56.4	113.8	3,796.5	432.3	1,133.3	155.9	1,721.5	5,517.9
December	1,913.7	1,518.4	798.9	466.3	498.3	146.7	54.3	114.2	3,803.9	432.9	1,119.1	154.9	1,706.9	5,510.8
1986—														
January	1,871.8	1,521.0	792.4	458.0	490.4	140.7	52.8	112.2	3,781.9	431.6	1,074.3	151.7	1,657.6	5,439.4
February	1,914.7	1,548.1	807.3	468.6	503.7	143.4	55.4	114.9	3,852.9	434.1	1,112.3	155.5	1,703.2	5,556.1
March	1,923.5	1,556.2	807.6	470.9	505.9	145.1	55.6	116.6	3,847.7	434.2	1,136.4	155.9	1,726.5	5,581.2
April	1,909.4	1,568.0	813.3	470.6	517.7	147.2	57.5	117.3	3,848.7	438.6	1,143.2	155.5	1,737.3	5,585.9
May	1,903.2	1,569.9	813.1	468.3	516.6	145.4	56.9	117.1	3,860.0	442.4	1,126.0	155.8	1,724.2	5,584.2
June	1,926.8	1,581.4	819.5	470.3	509.7	148.8	56.0	118.5	3,848.1	482.1	1,148.2	157.1	1,787.4	5,635.5
July	1,937.3	1,573.7	800.0	469.3	512.9	148.6	56.8	119.7	3,840.6	480.4	1,148.5	157.4	1,786.3	5,626.9
August	1,925.2	1,567.9	802.7	465.7	511.7	147.5	56.9	118.3	3,850.9	439.4	1,150.3	157.2	1,746.9	5,597.8
September	1,927.2	1,567.2	805.5	464.7	513.5	147.0	57.0	119.1	3,853.5	439.6	1,151.2	157.2	1,748.0	5,601.5

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, mining, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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